



## **Meeting Summary Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

Date of Meeting      December 6, 2005  
Location             Carrollton City Hall

In attendance        David Basil  
                              Jorge Gaytan  
                              Daniel Jackson  
                              Sandra Morris  
                              Queentine Vallair  
                              Melanie McClellan  
                              Steven Wilson  
                              Dave Schmit  
                              Bob McMillan  
                              Jimmy Godbee  
                              Mike Wiggins  
                              Chuck Willis  
                              Blake Lord  
                              Jonathan Dorsey  
                              Joe McGinnis  
                              Chris Threadgill  
                              Lee Walton  
                              Charles Griffin  
                              Peter Balega

### Agenda

**6:00 pm**

Sign-in

Welcome & Introductions - Charles Griffin, City Planner

Purpose & Process Overview - Charles Griffin

Current Trends in City Planning Overview – Lee Walton, MACTEC

Planning Issues & Opportunities Discussion – Lee Walton

Open Question & Answer

Adjourn



### Meeting Summary

At 6:05 PM City Planner, Charles Griffin, kicked off the meeting with introductions. Everyone in attendance was given time to state their name and the organization they represent.

Charles then began with the purpose of the meeting and gave a brief overview of what is a Comprehensive Plan and why local governments compose them. Charles also spoke about the importance of public involvement during the planning process and emphasized the need for all committee members to help with spreading the word for future community-wide meetings. (In a lot of ways, this portion of the meeting was an opportunity for the steering committee members to get to know one another).

After a small discussion about the purpose of Comprehensive Planning, Charles offered a Power Point presentation. The Power Point illustrated the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan and focused on recent changes in the Minimum Planning Standards. After completing the process Power Point, Lee Walton, a consultant with MACTEC, led the group with the next two agenda items.

Lee began by presenting a few recent trends in Planning and development. Lee stated how there is a shift in the typical way developments are occurring, and more specifically, how some project proposals are now being designed with mixed uses rather than separating commercial from residential - as required with common regulatory documents such as zoning ordinances and development regulations. Lee also stated how a common theme in recent developments around the Metro-Atlanta area and Carrollton is to provide pedestrian facilities and open space for recreational needs. Lee then asked the committee what they felt some of the issues are for the City of Carrollton.

After asking the question, a discussion began covering various issues and general ideas about the Carrollton Comprehensive Plan. The issues and ideas included:

- How to prepare for the Atlanta growth.
- The importance of preserving and creating identity.
- Providing opportunities and encouraging services related to the needs of the university students.
- Consider regulatory changes to allow for innovative developments and quality growth.
- Encourage government sponsored incentives to unique development opportunities.
- "Balance" west/east development opportunities with the use of "enterprise zones" or other forms of economic development tools.
- Encourage quality job opportunities/developments to impoverished areas.
- Explore means of alternate forms of transportation, especially for students and senior citizens.
- Water supply and natural resources
- How Carrollton will be affected by large county developments, such as the proposed Wolf Creek project.



- Annexation policies and consideration for county plans while making annexation decisions.
- Need for affordable housing for low-middle income families.
- Conservation subdivisions, open space and recreation

Each item was generated and discussed by the committee with some members offering more input than others.

Charles Griffin then came back up to talk about the overall schedule and what to expect over the next few months. Charles stated the meeting would be summarized then mailed to all the members and there would be a community-wide meeting in February or March of '06. Charles also stated the next Steering Committee meeting would come after the community-wide meetings but to expect over the next few months various mail outs to keep the committee informed of the overall progress of the Community Assessment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.